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INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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AGREEMENT IN ENTERTAINMENT SECTOR
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to have agreements with such countries which are financially and technically sound to start joint production in the field of entertainment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any agreement has been made with some countries in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a)to(d): To encourage foreign investment including co-productions in films and audio-visual content, Government has already allowed 100% foreign direct investment without conditions on the automatic route. With a view to facilitate co-productions, a proposal to enter into an audio-visual co- production agreement with the Government of Canada has been received inthe Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.